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### **The Claims**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) An ostomy appliance having a collecting bag and a gas filtering assembly positioned in a gas path from an interior of the collecting bag to the surroundings, the gas filtering assembly having, in the flow direction of the gas from the interior to the surroundings, a pre-filter and a gas filter, the pre-filter comprising:

a gas entrance and a gas exit and, there between, a gas channel substantially defined by two opposed, at least substantially liquid impermeable surfaces defining there between a number of constrictions each having a predetermined, largest width, wherein a distance defining a gap between the two opposed surfaces, at the constriction(s), is significantly smaller than the largest width of the constriction so that gas flow through the gap is permitted more easily than non-gaseous material flow.

2. (Original) An appliance according to claim 1, wherein the gas channel is oblong.

3. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the constrictions comprises a rib extending along one of the opposed surfaces.

4. (Original) An appliance according to claim 3, wherein the rib extends along the direction of flow in the gas channel.

5. (Original) An appliance according to claim 3, wherein the rib extends across the direction of flow in the gas channel.

6. (Previously Presented) An appliance according to claim 1, wherein at least one constriction has a cross section having, at one side thereof, a concave part adapted to receive solid or liquid material.